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THE STATE.

What constitutes a state?
Not a high-raised battlement or labored mound,
Thick wall or moated gate;
Not cities proud with spires and turrets crowned;
Not bays and broad-armed ports,
Where, laughing at the storm, strong navies ride

Not starred and spangled courts,
Where low-browed baseness wafts perfume to pride,
No:—men, high-minded men,
With powers as far above dull brutes endued
In forest, brake, or den,
As beasts excel cold rocks and brambles rude,—
Men who their duties know,
But know their rights, and, knowing, dare maintain,
Prevent the long-aimed blow,
And crush the tyrant while they rend the chain;
These constitute a state;
And sovereign Law, that state's collected will,
O'er thrones and globes elate,
Sits empress, crowning good, repressing ill.

MEMBERS OF JAPANESE PALIAMENT.

The Government of Japan has sent fifteen of its leading citizens on a friendly visit to this country. Upon their arrival in San Francisco they were received and entertained by the business interests of the city. But in order that they might also come into touch with the Christian Church, a dinner and reception was planned for them at the Palace Hotel by representatives of the different churches in the Bay Region.

About forty invited guests sat down together. Very frank and earnest speeches were made both by the Americans present and by their Japanese guests.

Counsel-General S. Yada of Japan, spoke with great earnestness and made a good impression upon all present. He said in part:

"Many evidences of kindness and good-will have been received by this party from the people of California, but I think the memory of today will stand out most happily. They will look upon your action as a guarantee that the churches of Christ in this country stand for just and fair play. We do not forget that the earliest steps of Japan in the ways of the western world were guided and encouraged by Christian teachers.

"Japan is not unmindful of her debt to that devoted band of missionaries who gave to our nation so freely of their aid and counsel in the early days of the Meiji era. We do not forget that in all the years which followed, the religious body of were first in helpful sympathy and broth-

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pleasant things to recall and to acknowledge has seen in these things the evidences of w believes to be the true spirit of Christianity. They have caused the beauty of the creed which you profess to stand out in letters of light which the humblest can read.

"It is the attitude of men and women of your stamp which inspires my people with confidence when trouble arises and makes us feel certain that just and honorable adjustments will eventually be found.

"The spirit of the Christian churches of America, becomes an anchor of security in times of trouble and anxiety. It is because my countrymen here assembled recognize this spirit in your presence on this occasion that they are deeply touched by your kindness today and want to assure you of their deep gratitude and appreciation."

SANTA CLARA ASSOCATION

A notable meeting was held on May 24, 25 at Palo Alto. The sermon was preached by F. A. Bissell of Sunnyvale on "God". R. D. Douglass of Saratoga gave a very careful and thoughtful study of "The Problem of Evil". Associate Supt. Dodge and Fred W. Morrison of the Bay Association were present to conduct a Conference on young people's organizations. Among the other speakers were Willard L. Sperry of Boston. Profs. James M. Hyde and Walter G. Beach of Stanford University.

B. M. Palmer of Santa Cruz was elected delegate to the National Council and E. A. King, alternate. W. B. Thorp of Palo Alto was elected moderator for the coming year, with Ernest Otto as Assistant.

"A man should first think of his character, then of his condition. He that has character need have no fear of his condition."—Beecher.

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GO SINGING.

Touch your lips with gladness and go singing on your way,
Smiles will strangely lighten every duty;
Just a little word of cheer may span a sky of gray
With hope's own heaven-tinted bow of beauty.
Wear a pleasant face wherein shall shine a joyful heart,
As shines the sun, the happy fields adorning;
To every care-beclouded life some ray of light impart,
And touch your lips with gladness every morning.

THE SOUL DAY.

The Sabbath day is the soul-day. Religion is the heart of it. The best uses of it will enrich the spirit of the man. Worship may not take all the day; but it surely should have some of the day.

Physical renewal belongs also to the uses of the day; for the spirit of the man depends upon the vigor of the body. Recreation should not take all the day, though to it may belong some of the day.

Man was not made to be a slave to the day; but the day was appointed to be a servant to the better part of the man. The best Sabbath is that which best contributes to the best values of the man.

GETTING RID OF THE MUZZLE.

Two speakers in London have disturbed some of us in America; Rear-Admiral Sims because he spoke so near the truth, and Ambassador Harvey so wide of it. We protest that only those Americans who had "sordid skins" went into the Great War to save them. The most of us went, as Secretary Hughes says, to save the world.

The query is: Why should our representative abroad be allowed unrebuked to insult our patriotism, while a private citizen, albeit he is a Navy officer, be called out upon the carpet for expressing his opinion of some Irishmen.

The seasoned veteran is ordered home and given a curtain lecture. For the life of us we cannot help thinking—we know it is dreadfully improper—how the Senior partner who had been at the head of the firm for fifty years would smile at being taken to task by the office boy.

Postmaster-General Hays wisely refuses to allow our Postoffice system to be made a Board of Censorship. Why should any other department? Why not unmuzzle every American, whether he be in the Navy or out of it, so long as he speaks the truth? Lies are the only things to fear. Good people are never afraid of the truth.

THE GOSPEL OF THE INCOME TAX.

The problem of taxation is intricate. Mr. Thomas W. Lamont in Harper's Magazine queries if there may not be a more equitable distribution: "Five eastern States" says he, "pay 64 per cent of the total income and profits-tax."

He also notes that 75 per cent of the income tax is paid by "three ten-thousandths of the population" that is, about 30,000 people out of 100,000,000 pay three-fourths.

Here is food for thought. Instead of a more equitable distribution of taxes, why not of wealth? Something is "rotten in Denmark" when so much money belongs to so few. The complaint has been made by rich folk, that the income tax is discouraging to 'big business.' If it helps 'little business' is that not a fair off-set? Our ocean sympathy is always with the little fish.

We juggle with phrases often to our undoing. Many 'little businesses' and few 'big businesses' means a better civilization.

MINISTER'S PENSIONS

Every man in the Congregational ministry, under 65 years of age, and over 50 should apply at once for membership under the original plan for annuities. This is the most advantageous plan for such men. There is little time to spare. We understand that on December 31, 1921 applications for this original plan will be discontinued. Any minister expecting to get in on it, will have to do so this year, or not at all. Don't delay.

MONDAY CLUB SCHEDULE

July 11.—Meet at First Church, San Francisco; speaker of the morning, Rev. J. Percival Huget of Brooklyn, N. Y.

July 18.—At First Church of Oakland, speaker; Dean Charles R. Brown of Yale.

July 25.—At San Francisco First Church, speaker; Rev. Wiliam E. Barton, known as "Safed the Sage."

Meetings are held at eleven o'clock.

Dr. Cull's California story entitled "The Bride of Mission San Jose," is running as a serial in the Oakland Tribune. The publishers of this historical novel report that the book is selling well all over the country.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SAN JOSE.

In four more years this church will be able to celebrate its semi-centennial, for it was organized in 1875 by Dr. Theodore T. Munger, so long the pastor of the North Church situated on the Green in New Haven, Conn. Starting with a small membership it now has 358 names on its roll and a property valued at $30,000. The church reaches in its work a large number of people not members. Today it has an opportunity far beyond its capacity with its present united staff of workers. It is located within two blocks of the State Teachers College, where over 0 students from all over California come for ormal training, many of them Congregationalists. he President of this institution prophesies that ere will be close to 800 enrolled during the com- g year. The Congregational Church ought to care r a considerable number of these young people.

A movement is under way to secure a Religious irector who shall in cooperation with the pastor, ev. E. A. King, have supervision of this branch of e work. To this same Director would be assigned e care of the Sunday School, in which are 75 child- n coming from the Home of Benevolence, a charit- ble institution near by, where children of working eople are provided for. These children from the ome are a part of the obligation and opportunity this church.

The High School of the city has about 2,000 stu- ents; and the College of the Pacific, a Methodist stitution, another 450, among whom are many ongregationalists.

This is too wide a field of service for one minister, owever robust and active he may be. The pastor nd officers have recognized this; they also recog- ize that some thing more must be done, than has een done,—something more effective in the line f religious education.

For this reason an appeal, approved by the Confer- nce Trustees, has gone forward to the Congrega- onal Education Society for help in securing and upporting the right sort of Religious Director. he church feels that it cannot alone bear the whole urden of additional expense that would be required or that work. But it will do its full part as it always as done in the past.

The hour is strategic; the opportunity is apparent; he need is vital. The response ought to be sure and uick.

Miss Sarah E. Bundy, Religious Director of the outhern Conference and Associate Superintendent Dodge of the Northern Conference seem to be in great demand among the young people. Miss Bundy spent some time at Asilomar and was on the program for the Annual Student Conference of the Y. W. C. A., and both Miss Bundy and Mr. Dodge were active in the State C. E. Convention at Glendale, just preceeding the meeting of the National Council in Los Angeles.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NOTES.

In connection with the regular association meetings of the Congregational Churches of Sacramento, Upper Bay and Central districts, special young people's programs and banquets were arranged. These meetings were very successful, especially the one held in Martinez May 12, the others being in Paradise and Ceres the 10th and 19th of May. Arrangements for them were largely made by Dr. Rathbone and Mr. Dodge of Northern Congregational headquarters.

Miss Stella Jordan of the Congregational Education Society, Boston, was the principal speaker, tho Dr. Rathbone, Mr. Dodge, and your field secretary participated as well. There has been a real gain in Congregational C. E. membership during the past year, recent statistics showing a net gain of 416 in Northern California alone.

The evening of May 18, under the leadership of Rev. Fred Morrison, assistant pastor of Oakland First Congregational Church, about 30 of the young people of that great old church that started the first Christian Endeavor Society in California, gathered at the supper table and then for a two hours' conference regarding the future plans for the work. If your field secretary is not mistaken the outgrowth of this meeting will be the establishment of well graded Intermediate and Senior societies with enlarged and thoroughly developed programs of extension and efficiency.

—Paul Brown in California Endevore.

The Daiiy Vacation Bible School of the First Congregational Church of Oakland has an enrollment of over 200 with an average daily attendance of 125. In this group of 200 are found thirteen nationalities and thirteen denominational affiliations; the former running from straight Americans to Chinese, Greeks, Servians, Russians, Armenians and others; and in the latter sixty-four Congregationalists, eighteen Catholics, one Unitarian, one Nazarene, one Mormon and ten Christian Scientists.

One eminent judge reports that out of 3,200 delinquent children investigated, four-fifths of them were found to be the result of parental neglect. It is not pagan fathers and mothers alone who are neglecting the spiritual interests of their offspring.

Edward Earl Purinton says:—"Never judge a man by what he does for a living; judge him by what he does for the life of those about him."

"A gentlemen is not looking for a gentleman's job; he makes it out of any job that comes along."

GOOD NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

Santa Cruz

Our church is very happy under the pastorate of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Palmer. Altho they have been with us less than a year they have endeared themselves greatly to our people by their efficient service. Forty-four new members have joined during this time. A strong spirit of co-operation between the pastor and the people is evident. Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Hare who have just removed to Los Angeles, have proved themselves splendid workers as lay folks. Since September, ten members have passed away, the average time of whose memberships had been thirty-one years. The dean of this group was Mrs. Louisa Drennan, who for fifty-five years was a faithful worker here. She was one of the originators of the Womans Board of the Pacific. Mrs. May Baldwin McLellan remembered our church in her will with an endowment, the interest of which is to maintain the parsonage which she built several years ago as a memorial to her parents, and as an expression of her love for the Church in which she worshipped in her girlhood days. Our church will soon pass its sixty-fourth year of service. Beautiful years have they been, filled with earnest, helpful service that has been greatly blessed by the Master. We feel that wonderful years of growth and prosperity are just before us.

Berkeley First.

The church has had the privilege during the past month of hearing Gaius Glenn Atkins of the Old First Church of Detroit. On the evening of June 5 there was a Disarmament meeting under the leadership of Secretary Kelsey. The speakers of the occasion were Mayor Louis Bartlett of Berkeley, Miss Alice Luce, and Mr. Charles W. Brock. The theme was "Progressive Disarmament." The church bulletin announcing this meeting said,—"Do you wish to see another war; or would you like to have Great Britain, Japan and the United States agree upon a program for the limitation of armaments?" 5

Plymouth, Oakland.

While this church has a paid staff of efficient workers, their efforts would have been much restricted had it not been for the small army of volunteer workers who have co-operated so happily in carrying on the work of the church and Center. This institution ministers to upwards of four thousand people in Oakland; and the Volunteers have a large part of the glory. The pastor, Rev. Charles L. Kloss, during June has been giving short addresses upon "Fundamentals" to the combined Senior Boy's and Girl's departments and First Fellows' class. His topics have been "The Bible, how it grew, how to read it; Jesus, his place in history and life; The church, its sacraments and modern function; and a Vocation in life." Among those to preach to the church during the summer are Rev. Albert W. Palmer of Honolulu on July 17th Frank Laubach of the Philippines on July 31 and John Toomay of Southern California on August 7 and 14. Pastor Kloss is writing daily editorials for the Oakland Enquirer.

Redwood Spanis.

Jose T. Vanegas, pastor. Twenty girls from 10 to 13 years of age have been organized as a "Girls Reserve" under the leadership of the Stanford Y. W. C. A. A boys' Club is also under the supervision of the pastor, consisting of 16 active members. The Sunday school is growing steadily, but there is a lack of teachers; the pastor and Miss Helen Corwin of the First Church are the only teachers of more than fifty children who attend regularly. On June 12th the church celebrated its first anniversary with a splendid evening service at which one new member was received on baptism and confession of faith, and one infant was baptized. Rev. R. B. Cherington preached the sermon and administered the Lord's Supper. There were 30 adults and nearly 100 children in attendance, which meant a crowded house. It was a happy day for all.

Stockton.

On Wednesday, May 25th, the church held a Family Picnic in Oak Park, which is just outside of the City. There was a baseball game between the men and the boys in which the men were victorious. A basket supper was then enjoyed by about 250 people, coffee and ice cream being furnished free. A great camp fire service closed the program. A serenade orchestra led in old-time, patriotic and religious songs. A brief devotional service was held and short talks were given regarding the work of the church. At 9 o'clock a great circle was formed about the fire, while all sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Glendale

This church is just 10 years old, but it has already outgrown its accomodations. A new church is to be erected in the near future, at a cost of $60,000. It is a modified Spanish architecture with an auditorium seating 700; the Church school will be taken care of by the Parish House portion of the building. The needs of the Womens' societies of the Christian Endeavor, and the other organizations of the church will be provided for. Charles M. Calderwood is the pastor.

Woodside.

The children and young people of the Sunday School gave an "Old Folks" concert the purpose of which was to raise a fund for the purchase of a church bell, a much needed accessory to the work in this community. The actors were all dressed as colonial dames, and with their recitations and old songs pleased the great audience that filled to the hall to overflowing. Ninety dollars were secured

the young people; and the pastor, Rev. B. St. , is now on an investigating tour in search of eet toned bell-metal bell that will help to call lock together from the countryside. There is ing sweeter to the ear of a Sunday morning "the cheerful Sabbath bells, which strike sant on the sense, most like the voice of one, from the far off hills proclaims tidings of good rion."

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Irs. H. I. Gardner has been added to the staff of l workers of the church. She is to act as as- ant to the pastor, Rev. Ernest E. Day. At a day evening musical service, the pastor gave an ress upon "The world's music makers." Others his topics have been, "The Christian fundamen- s, their meaning for life," "The modern saint," eavening life" and "Is my money mine." The urch bulletin has given the Pacific a place of nor in a recent issue.

yfork, Trinity County.

"Mother's Sunday" was observed in a unique shion by this comunity. About sixty people came om Weaverville over the mountains by autos and ucks, bringing along picnic lunches and their astor, Rev. ... W. Riley. Many were present also om Douglas City. There were choruses and sac- d songs and recitations, following which pastor iley gave an address in remembrance of our others. Miss Ada Elizabeth Porter, field repre- entative of the Red Cross, spoke on the problems f a public health nurse. Scout Master W. T. hock of Wolf Patrol No. 1 of Hayfork addressed he assembled Boy Scouts. The organization of the Community outing was the work of Pastor Riley, who was congratulated by the people on his suc- ess.

Hayward.

In the death of Mrs. Mary Linekin, this church loses another of its pioneer members. She was nearly 86 years of age. Born in England she and her husband soon came to this country, and for 56 years she has been a faithful and loved member and supporter of the church. Her niece is Mrs. Florence Davis of Crockett. Rev. J. P. Orth begins his pastorate here on July 1.

Los Angles, First

At the Twilight Communion Service on June 5th, twenty-four persons were received to membership, eight of these coming on confession of their faith With one exception all those uniting on confesson were men, most of them members of the Baraca Class in the Church School. Moving pictues have been shown in this church continuously on Sunday evenings since the first Sunday of last September. Satisfactory results in every way have marked this effort. The pictures shown during the past month (June) were: "The Inside of the Cup," "Evangeline," "The Servant in the House," and "The Snob." "The Inside of the Cup" was first given on May 29th, and was repeated the following Sunday evening to a full house.

Sonoma

The graduating class of the Grammer School went in a body to the Armstrong Grove near Guerneville for a picnic, chaperoned by Rev. Isaac Cookman of the Congregational church and Father J. F. Byrne of the Catholic chuch. It was a royal good time and a memorable one. The Congregational church had a rally on apportionment with Supt. Rathborne present and the total amount was pledged. The church has two flourishing Endeavor Societies; and the other evening the Juniors entertained the Seniors and the church members at a delightful function. There was a program of songs and recitations, and the Junior Orchestra furnished some very acceptable music. There was also a tableau; and of course, refreshments.

San Lorenzo

Pastor Furze had a wonderful day on June 12. It was observed as Children's Day. The exercises put out by our Sunday School Society were used with acceptance. The congregation numbered 135; and there were 18 babies and small children baptized. The offering for Sunday School Mission work was about $17.

Oakland, Calvary

Rev. William A. Schwimley, pastor. The church was enriched by the presence of a band of Congregational young people who have been visiting the churches for inspirational purposes. Paul Mohr is the leader. The pastor reports that a deep impression was made by their testimonies and appeals; and there were some vital decisions for life service.

Mill Valley.

The Sunday School tried out the Children's Day exercises prepared by the Sunday School Extension Society, with great success. It has been arranged with great dignity and attractiveness; and in itself must leave a marked impression for good upon the minds of the children and of course the grown-ups are blessed in its presentation. The church was filled by an interested congregation and the Church and Sunday school joined in making an offering of $16 for the missionary Sunday school work of our denomination.

Sacramento.

Rev. Havery V. Miller spoke on Sunday morning June 12 to an audience of more than 100 on "God's Laws and Life's Ideals." In the evening his sermon was on "Roger W. Babson; or Business built on religion." The musical portion of the evening service was furnished by an Edison phonograph

Long Beach.

The Rotary Club of Long Beach and the men of the Congregational Church are financing a visit of the pastor Henry K. Booth to Europe and a trip

through the Holy Land. He was also a delegate to the International Rotary Club Convention which has been held in Edinburgh this past month. During the pastor's absence Roy Campbell of San Diego. J. H. Lash of Hollywood and T. H. Woodrow of St. Louis are supplying the pulpit. Mr. Campbell spoke recently on "The message of Main street, if there is any."

Vernon Avenue Los Angeles.

Rev. L. H. Austin of Seeley, who had had so fine a record of service in Boston previous to coming to California has accepted a call to this church, overflowing with children and young people. Great things are expected of the work under this new leadership.

JESUS AND HUMAN NATURE

By Carl S. Patton.

What did Jesus teach about human nature?

None of these theories that have filled the books of theologians. That man was originally perfect, that he fell and since that time has been corrupt in his nature, that he just naturally hates God and goodness, that he is naturally wicked, and cannot do anything that God wants him to do—there is not a single word of Jesus that even hints at this.

Among actual men and women Jesus saw exactly what you and I see, that some are bad and some are good, and that all are better and worse. He thought of all men as essentially spiritual,—if they lost the spiritual side of them, they were only half there. "What shall it profit a man if he gains the whole world," He said, "and loses his own soul in the process?"

The rich man who thought only about crops and barns he called a fool, not because he died before he could eat up his crops, but because while he lived the best part of him was gone. Any man might make a fool of himself—like the boy who went away and wasted his father's money. But there was something there in the depths of his heart, something spiritual that God put there, that would make him sick of his sin and bring him to himself and so back home.

Men could be lost, he thought are lost, right now, —you and I sometimes among them, but they are recoverable; there is something good in them to make an appeal to; some love in the heart of God that will not let them go.

They are like sheep astray in the mountains; some one is missing them and looking for them and will bring them back if he can.

They are like the coin that is lost; but there is a woman, Jesus said, (I think she typifies the eternal mother in the heart of God), who is down on her knees with a candle, looking in every corner; and on the coin, as dirty as it is, there is still the stamp of the king and the glint of gold, and she will know it when she finds it, and will call her neighbors in to rejoice.

Men are like boys who think there are bett times waiting for them in a far country, but w are terribly glad to get home. There is somethi bad in every man. perhaps; like Peter who wou lie, but whom Jesus loved just the same; like Ma Magdalene, who had the possibilities of the degene ate or of the saint in her.

Jesus did not teach anything special about huma nature. I suppose he thought anybody who cou look at folks could draw his own conclusion abo it: but about men and women, such as you and are, about the possibility of their recovery and th hope of their perfection, and the place that is fo ever waiting for them in the love and the servic of God, he taught the most beautiful doctrine tha ever fell upon the ears of men.

AT DAWN!

Like a veil
  Covering a beautiful face,
Over a fern-grown trail
  A pale blue lace.
Not a sound breaks the calm of dawn,
  But dimly through the mist
The head of a fawn,
  Immovable like the trees.

—Felix Fluegel in Pacific Unitarian.

PREACHING AND PAGANISM

Our preaching has become corrupted. The regu lative ideas of the age have lost to our evangel it most Christian note. We have a message incom plete, half-baked, inadequate to the soul's need, onl half-circling the globe of God's truth. We hav stresed God's immanence to the forfeiture of Hi transcendance. We have discovered the divinity o man, only to lose the Deity of God. The misfor tune of our gospel is to have gained an incomparabl appreciation of the beauty of the natural, only t be blinded to the supremacy of the supernatural,—

" . . . well pleased to recognize
In nature, and the language of the sense
The anchor of our purest thought, the nurse,
The guide, the guardian of my heart, and soul
Of all my moral being."

Prof. Fitch says in his preface that the modes purpose of his writing is to "restore some neglecte emphases, to recall to spiritually minded men an women certain half-forgotten values in the religiou experience and to add such observations as ma contribute something to the reconciling of th thought currents and value judgments of our da to these central and precious facts of the religiou life."

Two thought-curents have most affected our mes sage: the humanistic, which among other thing gives us the conviction of the immeasureable wort of man, with the auxiliary teaching of his innat ability to lift himself: and the naturalistic whic

"issues in a glorification of elemental im-
s, an attempted return to childlike spontaneous
, the identifying of man's values with those of
tive nature," or like Maeterlinck "exchanges
ld of sober thought for an unfettered dream-
compounded of fairy beauty, flashes of mys-
understanding, intermixed with claptrap magic,
h-flown commercialism and an etherialized
ality."

writer shows how these two philosophic atti-
have each had its part in depriving our Chris-
hought of its most precious outlooks. Those
n deficiencies which most studious preachers
discovered in their own and other's messages
ere traceable to these regulative thought-cur-

v we are to re-evaluate these missing truths,
et them in the diadem of our preaching, is the
cant instruction of these chapters. For the
it matters little if he be a preacher or no—
ares to make a comprehensive examination of
inking of the near past and to sense its de-
ive influence upon our evangel, here is a
e invaluable. ("Preaching and Papanism," by
Parker Fitch of Amherst College, pp. 229.
University Press).

THE CHINA FAMINE

t the necessity of any futher relief for the
se has passed is a great comfort to the phil-
pic people of our land. It now releases our
ion and sympathies for the pressing need of
ar-East folk. The rains in China have come,
; the long drought, and the prospects are that
will be able to take care of herself.

ething more than $5,000,000 were raised by
ountry for her help,—$60,000 of it coming
Northern California, according to the report
by Captain Robert Dollar, chairman of the
ttee. It is estimated that fifteen million
women, and children have been saved from
by the American contributions.

Marshall Sanderson, observer and writer for
ndon Times and other great English dailies
n his arrival in San Francisco recently from
: "Altho I am a Britisher, I must state that
ca's work in China has won the complete
ation of the Chinese and forever firmly estab-
the bond not only of good-will but affection
n the two nations. There has not been a
dollar or pound of food given by the United
to the famine victims that has not been used
at purpose."

WAYSIDE NOTES.

Children's Day exercise prepared by our Sun-
chool Society comes in for a general com-
ation by all the churches and Sunday schools
them. It had variety, just action enough, no
hing,' and was skilfully planned to make its appeal not alone to the emotions but to the judgment. The music was sweet, and well within the range of the ability of most schools.

The Daily Vacation Bible School is gaining favor in many parts of the state. Pasadena has the most elaborate program with thirty different schools under the general auspices of their Religious Education Council of the city. Schools are also promoted in South Pasadena, Pomona, Whittier, Redlands and in several centers in San Diego. Also in Berkeley First, and Oakland First. The latter has an unusual corps of workers.

The next meeting of the Northern California Conference has been definitely settled to be at Asilomar; the session will extend from Thursday, Oct. 13 to Wednesday Oct. 19. The program committee is composed of Rev. Harley H. Gill, Rev. Ralph B. Larkin and Rev. Fred W. Morrison. Superintendent Rathbone is the Secretary for the committee. All suggestions for the program should be sent to them.

The church at Woodland having given up work some time past, the property has been sold and the proceeds will be turned over to the treasurer of the Conference.

A sale and exchange has been accomplished in the matter of the Green Street property of San Francisco, the work will be transferred to a better location, and will be carried on hereafter as a Union work, several denominations and religious agencies co-operating. This will insure a larger support and more satisfactory results.

The Protestant Sunday school forces which have been operating under two organizations, the Sunday School Council and the International Association, have been brought together into one great national association, which will mean a higher grade of work and a stronger front. One of the first decisions of the new body is to do away with the uniform lessons, and to offer in their stead a form of graded lessons which can be used by schools which are unwilling or unable to adopt the regular graded lessons. These new semi-graded lessons will be useable in even the smallest and poorest equipped of our Sunday schools. The new organization is planning a thorough and comprehensive campaign of religious education for all youth of America.

The Southern Baptists report 173,595 immersions for the year just closed. They have had a campaign for $75,000,000 to be paid in five years; in the past two years $25,000,000 of that amount has already been paid.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, meeting at Winona Lake, Indiana, chose for Moderator the Rev. H. C. Swearingen, a man of the progressive section of the church, instead of Rev. J. B. Laird who had been put forward by the ultra-conservative elements of the denomination. Dr. Swearing's majority was large and decisive. The atmosphere of the Assembly was progressive throughout.

THE INDIVIDUAL.

Dr. Francis J. Van Horn of the Oakland First Church has been chosen by the program committee of the State Christian Endeavor Union to preach the sermon at the annual convention in Glendale. The California Endeavorer in noting the fact said that it was an especially fitting appointment, for the State Union was organized in his church, and he had himself been the State Pastoral Counsellor. Another good reason might have been added, that the Endeavorers would be sure of a good sermon.

The Rev. James Muir, who has been pastor in Southern California at Wasco has been called to the church at Pittsburgh and will begin work on July 1.

Rev. Vergil Mayne for a season pastor of the Oceanview Church, San Francisco, has decided to take the church at Pescadero. He begins on July 1. He has a wide field and a needy one to work in. For a long time this community has had no Protestant service at all.

Mrs. Alice O'Connor and Miss Florence Wheeler, members of our church at Grass Valley have just graduated from the Philadelphia School for Christian Workers. They have been in the employ of the Presbyterian Church of that city. Mrs. O'Connor is Director of the Barnes Memorial, having the care of over 1100 club members. They are working where "children crowd the streets, live amid unsanitary and immoral surroundings, learning little else than to steal, fight, lie, swear, 'shoot crap' and outwit the police." The aggregate attendance at the services during the year has been 46,358. Both of these young women are nicely located, but their hearts turn back to their home state. They are wondering if there is any opportunity for their service in California.

The Woman's Board of the Pacific has secured Mrs. Helen Street Ranney as Executive Secretary. Mrs. Ranney began work on June first, and already is making a most favorable impression on all the workers. She is the granddaughter of Rufus Anderson who was one of the Secretaries of the American Board. Miss Elizabeth Benton is to be Associate Secretary in co-operation with Mrs. Ranney.

Among the new pastorates in Southern California are those of Rev. Edgar A. Swain who has already begun work at Norwalk; Rev. G. M. Morrison of Ramona who has accepted a call to Sherman; and Rev. Clinton J. Taft of Fulton, New York, who goes to the Plymouth Church of Los Angeles.

A former pastor of Petaluma, Rev. E. B. Hart, who also served a short time with Mission of San Francisco has been called recently to St. Paul's Congregational Church in Brooklyn, N. Y., a church having about 500 members with a Sunday school enrollment of 500.

Rev. C. N. Thomas who was a year or so ago pastor of the Richmond Church of San Francisco, has been recovering his health in the neighborhood of Visalia. After some months of recuperation he accepted a call to two churches which combined one, and has had a happy but quiet time in a co try pastorate.

Dr. Charles L. Kloss, the ever active pastor the Plymouth Church, Oakland is to spend a part his vacation across the sea. He will speak in fast, Ireland, and in London and Eastbourne, land.

Miss Stella Jordan of the Educational Society ports that one-fifth of all the colleges and academ of the United States were Congregational in origin. The query arises, "Why are they not t under Congregational auspices?" If we are wo of incubating chicks, why shouldn't we brood th

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We live by admiration, hope and love,
And as these are well and wisely placed
In dignity of being we ascend.

INTERESTING BIBLE STORIES.

"The Followers of the Marked Trail" is a s of Bible lessons evidently to be used in Vac Bible schools. The first chapter, which is a for the remainder of the book, tells of a discu among some young people as to the great High running over the country; the Lincoln, the the Mohawk, the Yellowstone. They were hav twilight game of naming Highways and desc the sections of the country through which the These are all Marked Trails.

With this background the author takes u Bible stories—thirty-two chapters of them; st the "Great Pioneer of the Marked Trails"; " the Road Forked"; "The Detour"; "A Strang gain"; "A Boy What Had Everything He Wa "A Danger Signal On the Trail" and "The finder."

It is a fine volume and will prove interest all the children and even to some in their for the stories are told in such a fresh and s tive fashion; here and there by little touch author has made them quite vivid and re To the old stager to whom the Bible accou all familiar, these chapters will bring somethi and interesting. ("The Followers of the Trail," by Nannie Lee Frayser, pp. 232. The don Press, New York. $1.25 net).

BOOKS RECEIVED.

"Paul's Companions," by David James pp 196. Price $1.25 net. American Tract Socie York City.

"Industrial Facts," by Kirby Page. paper. Price ten cents net. The George H. Doran C New York City.

"Books as a Delight," by Bishop William A. Paper. Price 35 cents net. pp 42. The A Press New York City.

"Preaching and Paganism," by Albert Parke Professor of the History of Religion, in Amhe lege. Board, pp. 229. Yale University Pres $2.00.

"By an Unknown Discipe." pp. 246. Ge Doran Company, New York City.

"Followers of the Marked Trail," by Nan Frayser. The Week Day School Series,—Geor bert Betts, Editor. 232 pages. $1.25 net. The don Press, New York City.